

INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Fish and Wildlife Management Program

1. PURPOSE. To provide information about Fort Drum's Fish and Wildlife Management Program

2. INFORMATION.

a. A comprehensive Fish and Wildlife Management Program exists on Fort Drum with a staff of two professional wildlife biologists who are civilian employees of the U.S. Army. Functions include reviewing projects and activities to reduce impacts to wildlife resources; wildlife surveys and data collection; promoting outdoor recreation; cooperating with Fort Drum's Forest, Wetlands, and Integrated Training Area Management Programs to maintain or enhance wildlife habitat; dealing with specific wildlife issues (e.g., beaver management, Bird-Aircraft Strike Hazard); and cooperating with state and federal agencies, universities, and non-governmental organizations.

b. Approximately 75,000 acres of Fort Drum is open to the public for recreational use including hunting, fishing, trapping, bird watching, hiking, and berry picking. Recreational activities are governed by *Fort Drum Regulation 420-3 Hunting, Fishing, Trapping and Camping*. A Fort Drum Recreation Permit and Access Pass are required to access the training area for recreational activities. Permits are available at the Natural Resources Permit Office (S-2509) for a fee for certain activities (hunting, fishing, and trapping). The fees are the same for all participants, regardless of rank or military/civilian status. All funds are used for fish and wildlife management activities on Fort Drum.

c. The Fish and Wildlife Management Program is administered by the Directorate of Public Works (PW)-Environmental Division, Natural Resources Branch. The point-of-contacts (POC) for this program are the installation's Fish and Wildlife Management Program Manager, (315) 772-9636, or the Fish and Wildlife Biologist, (315) 772-4999. For more information, see the Fort Drum Fish and Wildlife Management Program web site at: <http://www.drum.army.mil/garrison/pw/FishAndWild.html>.

3. CONCLUSION. The Fish and Wildlife Program functions to manage all wildlife species and their habitats on Fort Drum.